

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, October 3, 2023

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in the Board Room of the Mebane Education Center, 1200 Salisbury Road, Mocksville, NC 27028.

Board Members Present:

Wendy Horne, Chair
Dub Potts Vice-Chair
Paul Drechsler
Cammie Webb
Con Shelton
Marie Helms
Joe Caudle

Staff Present:

Jeff Wallace, Superintendent
Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent
Jill Wilson, Board Attorney
Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer
Clay Harris, Chief Operations Officer
Carol Stuart, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Absent: None

Closed Session

Chair Wendy Horne called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Cammie Webb made the motion to adopt the agenda for Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Horne called for a motion to go into closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes listed on the agenda, to review personnel and property matters protected by State Law, and to discuss student concerns made confidential by General Statutes, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:15 p.m.

Open Session

Chair Horne reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and asked Dub Potts to offer the invocation. Mrs. Horne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 5, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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Board Report

Chair Horne brought up several important dates. The N.C. School Board Association is holding its law conference on October 11-13, 2023. The Board of Commissioner's meeting will be on November 6, 2023. The next Board of Education meeting will be November 7, 2023. An Early Release will be on October 12, 2023, and October 13, 2023, will be the Davie Experience during the Professional Day. November 10th is the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Wallace welcomed everyone to the new board room at the Mebane Education Center. The idea of the building began in 2013 when a bond was passed. Mr. Wallace thanked the BOE, Clay Harris, Michael Spillman, Fuller Architecture, Davie Construction, Allen Mebane, and the Mebane Foundation, who has given money to our schools, thus the decision to name the building after Mr. Mebane.

The state budget bill became law yesterday without the Governor's signature. Teachers will get an average increase of 7%, and the starting teacher's salary will increase from \$37,000 \$39,000 this year and \$41,000 next year. Principals, classified, and central office staff will get a 7% increase over the next two years: 4% this year and 3% next year. Bus drivers will get 4% this year plus an additional 2%. Teachers will receive the low-wealth supplement for the next two years.

House Bill 259 requires PSUs to provide a plan for students to graduate in 3 years, requiring only 22 credits to graduate.

Jane Simpson with Davie Community Foundation challenged DCS to increase participation in the Ignite Davie fundraising campaign. Three hundred eighty-eight employees participated raising over \$27,000. William R. Davie Elementary had 100% participation. North Davie Middle School and Cooleemee Elementary School tied at 74% participation. Cooleemee earned the Spirit of Generosity Award for raising over \$3,000.

National Lunch Week is the week of October 9th. Also, October is Principal Appreciation Month.

Enrollment was projected at 6,086; the twenty-day enrollment number is 6,010. Attendance for the first month of school was 95.93%; this is less than 1% at this time of year pre-COVID. Free and Reduced Lunch is at 47.02%; last year, Free and Reduced Lunch was 48%.

Superintendent Wallace thanked the Board of Education for going on school visits. He appreciates their support and involvement at the schools. Dub Potts said he was so proud of the schools he visited and has never been more impressed. He was excited to learn about the House System at one of the middle schools. Paul Drechsler added that he was able to go to both a secondary school and an elementary school and was impressed with the students' engagement and how the teachers were working as a team with the students. Con Shelton commended teachers for keeping children's attention and doing a great job. He thanked the schools for allowing him to visit. Marie Helms had an awesome experience during her visits. She saw more center time. Also, she recognized the hard work schools are doing to figure out how to get students to the next level. Wendy Horne thanked the BOE for their remarks.

Recognitions

None

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Consent Agenda

Chair Horne asked for a motion to approve the Consent items. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Business Items

Clay Harris said there was an error in the total on the Budget proposal. The correct amount is \$2,513,062. Mr. Harris also discussed there had been trees growing over the CDEC roof causing water build-up and deterioration. Mr. Harris confirmed the roof is 18 years old, and the damage was not due to storms but overhanging trees. The new roof will have a 25 to 30-year guarantee. Mr. Harris asked the board to approve the recommendation to move forward immediately with the reroofing project.

Cammie Webb made the motion to approve the motion for the CDEC Roof project. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Committee/Staff Reports

Dr. David Blattner welcomed everyone and described the highlights of the new Professional Development Training Room, used for Board of Education meetings, and its technology. He pointed out that the two wall screens could be the same image or two different images for multi-purpose training sessions. There is a public mode for use at the podium. There are promethium boards to further help with break-out sessions.

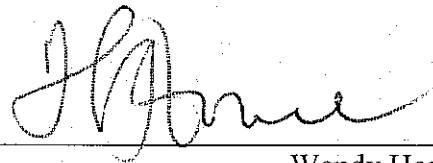
Erin Foil presented the Accountability Report for the 2022-23 school year.

Public Address to the Board

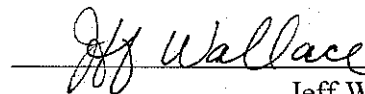
None

Adjourn

Paul Drechsler made the motion to adjourn with a second from Marie Helms. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Wendy Horne, Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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